PRESIDENT: I have received notices of motions for the adjournment of the House to discuss definite matters of urgent public importance. It is a fairly well known practice that the Budget Session is a period when each honourable member has or should have the chance of debating matters which he considers important and relevent to the budget. The general convention observed is that at that time, in order to give the utmost opportunity to all the members of the House to participate in the general discussion, adjournment motions are not encouraged. The reason being that if I allow these adjournment motions, practically the whole budget time will be taken up and there will be curtailment of the allotted time to each honourable member of the House. Of course, exceptions will be slightly discernible if the matter is of such great and urgent public importance as to make the postponement of the discussion not feasible in public interests. Now let me go over the matter of Mr. M. R. Narayana Pillai's adjournment motion for "the immediate necessity for the establishment of an Executive Council responsible to the Legislature with a view to giving a larger and more direct share to the people in the Government of the State." This is a matter which incidentally may be raised in the course of the debate on general administration. It must be said in passing that the Government have not the remotest idea of establishing an Executive Council. As a matter of fact, the Head of the Administration has not enough work to do—not more than 3 or 4 hours a day. So there is no need for the question of an Executive Council to arise at present. Moreover, an Executive Council member is either a bureaucrat or a minister. The purpose of the Executive Council is now served in the State by the Dewan holding numerous conferences with the heads of departments and the decisions arrived at in those conferences are being acted upon as far as possible. The Executive Council members and the ministers are generally employed not for the purpose of doing office work but for the purpose of touring round the country and explaining the policy of the Government. This question is therefore not of urgent public importance. And the Government have not the remotest idea of establishing an Executive Council.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: In view of what the President has said I do not wish to move the motion.

PRESIDENT: The next motion is from Mr. A. K. Kumaran Vaidyan which is as follows:

> "I move that the business of this House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance viz., the situation created in those parts of the State affected by the recent cyclone.

That again is a matter which can very well be brought during the general discussion when dealing with the relief for economic distress. The amount set apart is sufficient I believe to meet all legitimate demands and the honourable members can put forward these aspects during the general discussion of the budget and specific instances of the havoc brought before the attention of the House.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Sir, I do not wish to move the motion.

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PRESIDENT: The next motion relates to the "serious situation created in the State by the merchants, profiteering by their recent increasing the prices of rice, paddy and cloth to an abnormal extent." That matter has already engaged the attention of Government and they have dealt with it properly. But Government would only be too glad to get any specific information on such profiteering in the course of the general discusston. What I propose is—subject to what the honourable members would allow me to do—that those members who have given notices of adjournment motion should catch my eye sooner than the others. With that assurance does the honourable member want the motion to be moved?

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, I do not wish to move the motion.

PRESIDENT; Another honourable member has given notice of an adjournment motion on the need for providing bathing ghats for sea bath at Cape to non-Hindus.

That matter is under the consideration of Government and orders will soon be issued for providing swimming and bathing places at Cape Comorin to non-Hindus

The last motion is on a "definite matter of urgent public importance *viz.* the distress and difficulties and panic created among the tax payers in the State by the policy adopted by the Government recently, in realising the land tax for the year 1116 by distraint and sale of properties, moveables and immoveables, especially twice a year in Ambalapuzha taluk, before the expiry of the year itself and before the tax become arrears for the year, at a time when economic depression is rampant on account of war and fall in price of indigenous articles of the tax payers".

That again is a matter which can be taken up during the general discussion. Does the honourable member want to move it?

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: No, Sir.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: Under Rule 3 (2) of the Legislative Rules, I nominate Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai and Mr. S. Krishna Aiyar on the Panel of Chairmen for this session of the Assembly.

MESSAGES FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

SECRETARY: I beg to report that the following messages have been received from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council:—

(1) "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 4th April 1941, agreed without any amendment to the Travancore Payment of Wages Bill which was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 31st March 1941."

(2) "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 4th April, 1941 agreed without any amendment to the Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Bill which was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 31st March 1941."

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(3) "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 4th April 1941, agreed without any amendment to the Travancore District Municipalities Bill which was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 3rd April 1941."

(4) "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 8th April 1941, agreed without any amendment to the Travancore Child Marriage Restraint Bill which was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 27th January 1940".

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

SECRETARY: I beg to report that the following Bills received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

(1) The Travancore Payment of Wages Bill.
(2) The Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Bill.
(3) The Travancore District Municipalities Bill.
(4) The Travancore Child Marriage Restraint Bill.

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: Under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
VI. General Administratration (Revision of State Manual)	1,263-0-0	For correcting proof page of State Manual.
XII. P. W. D. Irrigation ...	5,000-0-0	For the scheme for the supply of P. H. E. Power for lift irrigation in the Kunnatnad taluk.
XII. P. W. D. ...	6,500-0-0	To meet the expenses connected with the work of extensions to the Edapalayam Shooting Camp.
XII. P. W. D. ...	1,888-0-0	For expenditure in connection with the operation of the work-wool and toy-making machines.
XIV. Police ...	114-0-0	For expenses in connetion with the additional staff of Police Guards for the Government Museum.

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Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
XVI. Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue Reproductive Works—Rubber Factory...	10,382-4-0	For making replacements and renewals of the machiner in the Eactory.
XVI. Rubber Factery ...	2,970-0-0	Funds .or special works.
XVI. Do. ...	1,445-26-5	For cleaning the boilers, etc., of the Factory and repairing the electric installations etc
XX. Forest Department ...	1,00,000-0-0	For making payments on account of Kole-vila.
XXII. Stamps ...	9,350-0-0	For Contingencies.
XXII. Do. ...	12,350-0-0	Do.
XXIX. Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments —Game Warden ...	891-0-3	For payment of land compensation for the Angoor Rowther's Bungalow and premises acquired for the office of the Game Warden.
Do. Sri Chitralayam ...	3,800-0-0	For obtaining additional collections.

ELECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND TO THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT: The House will elect two members each to the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee for 1117. The elections will take place on the 4th August 1941. They will be held as usual after the business of the House for the day is over under the Chairmanship of the Deputy President or one of the Panel of Chairmen. The elections will be conducted on the basis of the ordinary system of voting by ballot.

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